**Boston, MA**



Other cities may quibble, but Boston fairly claims its position as the birthplace of America. The Freedom Trail incorporates many of the sites that played a crucial role in American independence, from the Boston Tea Party to the Old North Church.

While Boston treasures its history, it is a city of diverse interests, ranging from a passion for the Red Sox to a love of shopping, museums and the fine arts. One thing that remains constant? Its enthusiasm for a good plate of seafood.



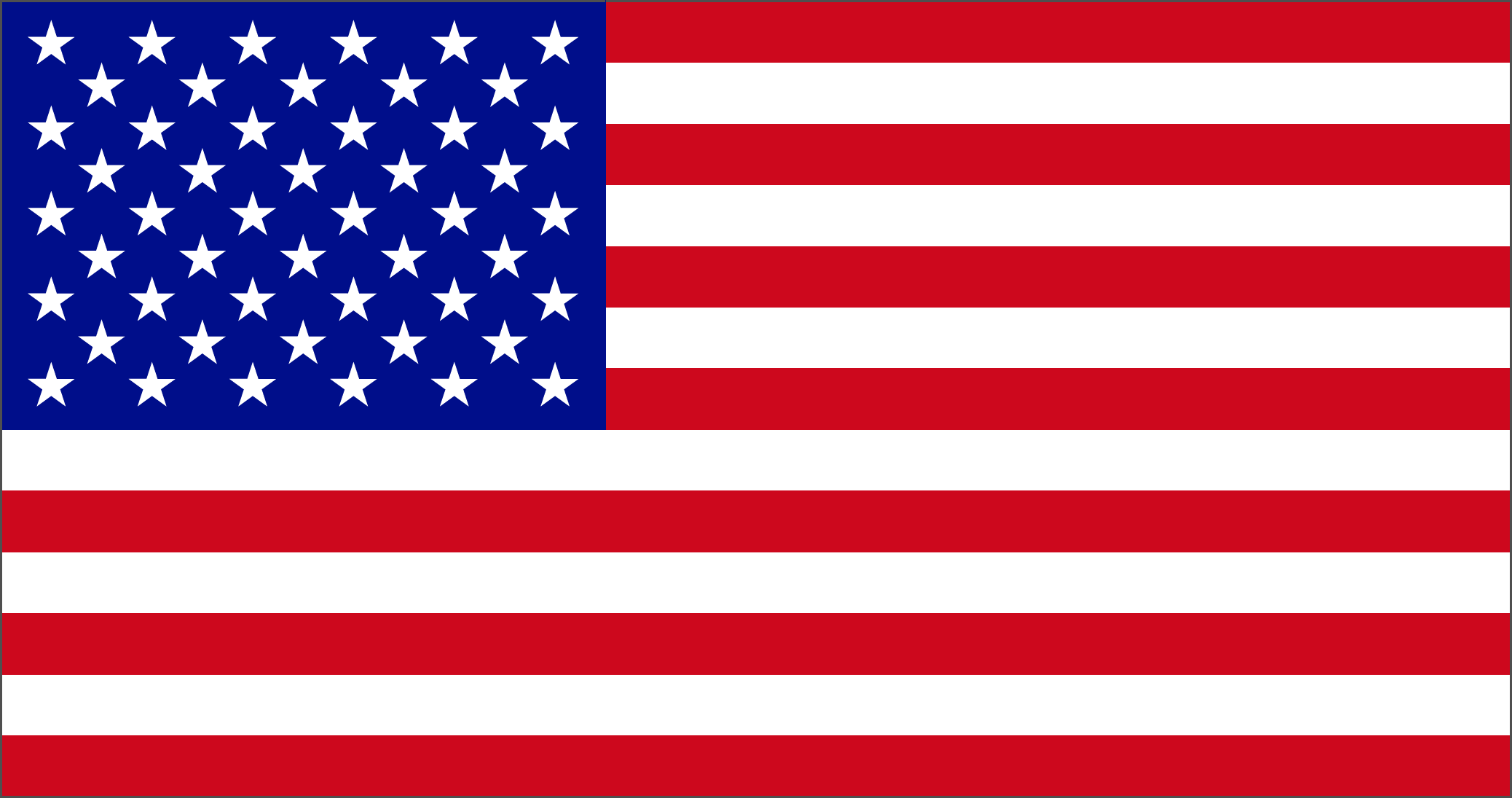
**Restaurants and Dining**

If you love seafood, **Legal Seafoods** is the restaurant for you. Started in Boston, there's a reason the chain has become so popular -- its seafood is reliably fresh and good. Ye Olde Union Oyster House has been serving fresh seafood since 1826, and the historic restaurant still offers an unbeatable Boston experience.



**Things to Do**

American history plays out along Boston's Freedom Trail. Highlights include **Paul Revere's Old North Church**, the beginning point of his famous ride; the Old South Meeting House, which launched the Boston Tea Party; the Boston Massacre Site; Paul Revere's House; and the USS Constitution.



**Shopping**

Boston's premier shopping is found in Back Bay and along Charles Street, where you can find antiques, art, home décor and upscale clothing. And while Faneuil Hall doesn't sell Boston's most original wares -- it's been a marketplace since 1742 and was the site of many a rousing speech for American independence.



**Nightlife and Entertainment**

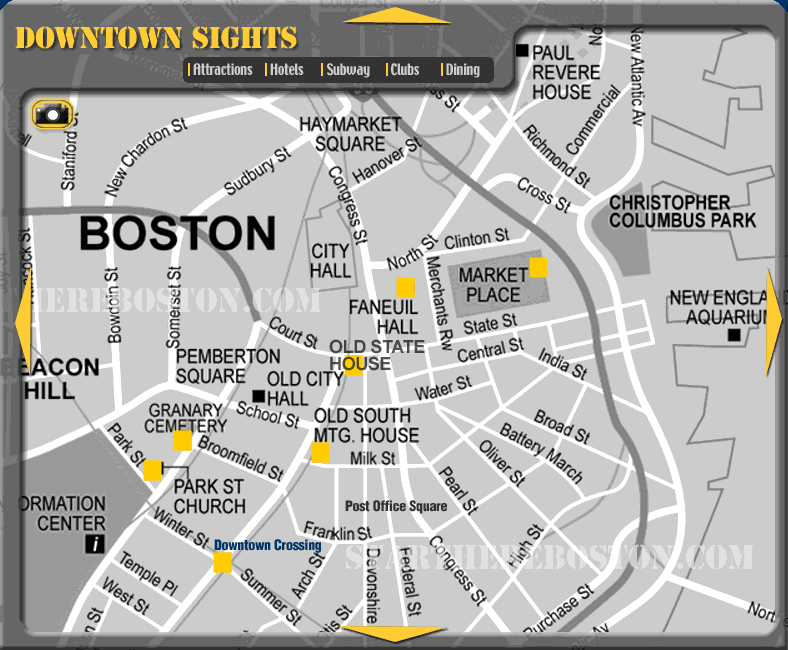
It tells you something about Boston nightlife that many popular spots are associated with hotels and restaurants. What Bostonians do get excited about is the Red Sox. Win or lose, fans compete for tickets in storied **Fenway Park**.



**Boston's Clock Tower**

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**Map of Boston**



**The City of Boston**

Best Known For: Culture, Culinary, Shopping, Entertainment, History

Best time of year: May-November



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